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Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) Yes e) No.
If Yes, brief description: _____

Claim(s) discussed: pending claims.

Identification of prior art discussed: cited art.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Discussed amending claim 1 to call for a kit of parts for constructing a distraction appliance and adding language to relate the first and second retractors together. Also discussed further defining the second distractor module to indicate that it is connectable to the bone segment and the intact bone and allows for rotational movement of the segment with respect to the intact bone as the first distractor module is adjusted.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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